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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (TIRANA 706)

REF: TIRANA 706

 $\P1.$ (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidates nominated to attend DRUG AWARENESS AND DEMAND REDUCTION in NEW JERSEY,

U.S.A. from 12/6/2009 to 12/11/2009.

12. (U) The Department of State has vetted the individuals listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 12/03/2009. Post is authorized to include the following individuals in USG-funded training:

BESNIK AHMETAJ, CHIEF OF COM. POLICING ASP HQ, 6/7/1967
ARBEN NASUFI, ASSISTANT/TIRANE POLICE DIR., 4/2/1971
OLTION ISMAILI, CHIEF COM.POL. TIRANA POL.DIR, 2/27/1978
BLERIM BREBATI, CHIEF TERR.C.&PT.GEN.POL.COM.1 TIRANA,
6/12/1973
EDMOND MESHINI, CHIEF TERR.C.&PT.GEN.POL.COM.2 TIRANA,
2/22/1968
GAZMEND HAMITAJ, CHIEF TERR.C.&PT.GEN.POL.COM.4 TIRANA,
9/13/1967
QANI LAMI, CHIEF COM.POL.POL.C.5 TIRANA POL.DIR. 4/18/1971
YLLI VATA, CHIEF COM.POL.POL.C.3 TIRANA POL.DIR. 5/10/1975
SKERDI KASIMATI, CHIEF OF COM.POL. P.COM.6 TIRANA, POL.DIR.
4/25/1981
ARJANA BEKTESHI, DIRECTOR OF REG.EDUC. DIR. TIRANE, 3/9/1956

- 13. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual(s) identified above, as of 12/03/2009. Post may cite this cable in response.
- 14. (U) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual(s) listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance. CLINTON